

REMARKSClaims

The claims are amended to more clearly recite features of Applicants' invention including: (i) both the detection of ambient radiation and radiation emitted by the electroluminescent pixels and (ii) the adjustment of the emitted radiation in a manner which is corrected for the influence of the ambient radiation on the detection of the emitted radiation.

Art Rejection

Attorney for Applicants respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1 and 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngquist et al (US Patent 6,549,179). Youngquist discloses an aperture for an ambient light photosensor to control display brightness changes from daylight to nighttime. (See column 3, lines 57-60). There is no disclosure or suggestion the shielding of the photosensor from radiation emitted by the disclosed dot-matrix display, of the detection of radiation emitted by the display itself or of any means for adjusting the radiation emitted by the display and correcting the adjustment for an influence of detected ambient light radiation.

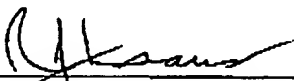
With respect to the rejection of claim 4, contrary to what is stated by the Examiner there is no disclosure in Youngquist of means for performing computer operations on photocurrent values obtained via at least one reference photosensor.

Attorney for Applicants respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 9-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngquist in view of Schofield et al (US Patent 6,559,435). The Examiner makes no specific rejections in respect of independent claims 9 and 15, but merely refers back to the rejection of claims 1 and 4-8. In view of the fact that the language in claims 9 and 15 is dissimilar from that in claim 1 and would provide claim coverage of different scope than claim 1, it is submitted that the Examiner has not met the required burden of proof for a prima facie case of obviousness in respect of claims 9-20.

Concluding remarks

In view of the above amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims in the application are patentable over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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